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## Proposed Project

Fellowship Management System, OMB No. 0920-0765 - Revision - Scientific Education and Professional Development Program Office (SEPDPO), Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (OSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## Background and Brief Description

SEPDPO is requesting approval to revise and extend for three years; CDC's use of the online Fellowship Management System (FMS) to allow public health agencies and organizations to submit fellowship assignment proposals electronically, using FMS. The FMS system will continue to be used for its electronic application and directory processes that allow individuals to apply to fellowships online, track applicant and alumni information

The mission of SEPDPO is to provide leadership in public health training and education, and manage innovative, evidence-based programs to prepare the health workforce to meet public health challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Professionals in public health, epidemiology, medicine, economics, information science, veterinary medicine, nursing, public policy, and other related professions seek opportunities, through CDC fellowships, to broaden their knowledge, skills, and experience to improve the science and practice of public health. CDC fellows are assigned to state, tribal, local and territorial public health agencies; federal government agencies, including CDC, and HHS operational divisions, such as Indian Health Service; and to nongovernmental organizations, including academic institutions, tribal organizations, and private public health organizations.

FMS provides an efficient and effective way for processing fellowship application data, selecting qualified candidates, maintaining a current alumni database, documenting the impact of the fellowships on alumni careers, and generating reports. This proposed revision will provide a secure site within this existing electronic system for designated employees of public health agencies and organizations to submit fellowship assignment proposals electronically.

Designated employees of public health agencies or organizations will answer a standardized set of core questions within FMS about the proposed assignments, including the type of public health agency or organization submitting the proposal; proposed fellow activities, including training and opportunities for service and collaboration; and how the fellow will be supported, including the type and extent of mentorship and supervision the fellow will receive.

This revision enhances FMS to include a function that will result in a standardized process for submitting and reviewing host assignment proposals across fellowships. The electronic assignment proposal process that FMS provides optimizes the matching of qualified fellowship candidates with host sites and will result in an optimal fit between fellows and their assignments — ultimately leading to long-term employment and

sustained public health capacity of state and local health departments and other non-federal public health agencies and organizations.

The annual burden table has been updated to reflect the number of respondents from nonfederal public health agencies or organizations that submit assignment proposals to host fellows. Some alumni are deceased or cannot be located. Response burden assumes response from an individual responding alumnus, on average, every 3 years (which is likely an overestimate of frequency). There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 1201.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of	Average annualized burden per response (in hours)
		Response	(III Hours)
Public Health	226	1	1.5
Agency or			
Organization			
Fellowship	1122	1	40/60
applicants			
Fellowship	454	1	15/60
alumni			

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